THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala initially submitted a Memorandum in January 1987 seeking Central assistance of Rs. 119.50 crores for drought relief measures. Vide a Supplementary Memorandum submitted in March, 1987, the State Government raised their request to Rs. 147.00 crores. The amount of Central assistance sought for drought relief by State Government has finally been raised to Rs. 281.64 crores vide another Memorandum submitted in April, 1987. The sector-wise details of the assistance sought by the State Government are given below:—

(*Rs. in crores*)

Sl. No.	Sector	Amount sought in		
		First Memorandum	Second Memorandum	Third Memorandum
1	Agriculture	22.34	22.34	94.25
2	Water Supply	42.13	42.13	49.74
3	Fisheries	..	..	0.52
4	Animal Husbandry	2.53	2.53	4.83
5	Supplementary Nutrition	1.50	1.50	2.50
6	Health & Medical care	1.00	1.00	2.00
7	Employment Generation	50.00	77.50	127.80
	TOTAL :	119.50	147.00	281.64

A Central Team has visited Kerala between 12th and 15th April, 1987 to make an on the spot assessment of the drought situation. The Central Team has not yet submitted its report.

Decline in the profits of SAIL

858. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited earned a profit worth Rs. 159 crores during the year 1985-86 and only Rs. 50 crore during the year 1986-87;

(b) whether Government have since ascertained the causes of decline in profit during the year 1986-87; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the steps contemplated by Government to review the working of the SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) SAIL earned a profit of Rs. 159 crores during 1985-86. The final result for the financial year 1986-87 will be known only after the accounts are finalised and audited.

Enhancement of quota of rice to Karnataka

859. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka and recently urged the Central Government to enhance the quantum of existing quota of rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when a final decision to enhance the quota of rice is to be taken?